GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4227
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CLOSURE OF A N ISLANDS FOREST AND PLANTATION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the date of establishment of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation alongwith its objectives;

(b) the details of its performance since its establishment;

(c) whether the Government have appointed any committee to review its working;

(d) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(e) if so, whether the Committee has recommended for the closure of the said company;

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(g) whether any revival plan has been submitted to the Government by the management and if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard; and

(h) the likely impact of the said closure on the employment situation in the Islands?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) The Andaman & Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation Ltd. was established on 21 January 1977 and the main objectives are given in Annexure.

(b) It has been in profit for 22 years out of 25 years of its existence.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The Report of the Committee is under examination with the Ministry.

(g) Yes, Sir. The revival plan is under examination.

(h) In case, it is decided to close the Corporation, it may have impact on the employment of around 2000 employees.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4227 FOR 12.8 REGARDING CLOSURE OF A&N ISLANDS FOREST AND PLANTATION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. To provide the necessary infrastructure to harvest and develop forest resources, to promote forest resources based industries, to arrange marketing of timber and other forest resources on the mainland and abroad.

2. To plant, grow, cultivate, produce, and raise plantations of various forest species of proven utility and other agriculture, plantation, horticultural crops, medicinal and aromatic plants and to buy, sell, export, import, process, distribute or otherwise deal with all kinds of forest crops, natural products, agricultural, plantation and horticultural crops, medicinal and aromatic plants.

3. To carry on the business of planters, cultivators, producers, sellers and dealers in timber, processed or not and such other products of every description and to manufacture, dispose of sell and deal in products of natural forest and forest plantation, agriculture, plantation and horticultural crops and medicinal and aromatic plants.

4. To establish, administer, own and run industries for manufacturing forest products agricultural, plantation and horticultural products, medicinal and aromatic plants.

5. To conduct and contract for training and research connected with the integrated development of forest resources of the islands and cultivation as well as processing of agricultural, plantation and horticultural crops, medicinal and aromatic plants.

6. To maintain and improve Wild Life and other natural Resources.